

**EVENING MEETING  
BOARD WORK SESSION  
June 18, 1998**

**MINUTES**

The State Board for Community and Junior Colleges Members met at 6:00 p.m. at The Edison Walthall Hotel, 225 East Capitol Street, Jackson, Mississippi, on June 18, 1998. The following members were present: Yvonne Brown, Billy Hewes, William Seal, John Junkin, Joanna Heidel, George Walker, Patricia Puckett, Hazel Terry, and Henry Hudspeth. Sara Fox was not in attendance. Others present included State Board for Community and Junior Colleges (SBCJC) staff Deborah Gilbert, Olon E. Ray, Wayne Stonecypher, Frankie Walton-White, Ethel Ewing and Evelyn Webb.

Upon completion of the meal, those present moved from the dining room to Ballroom I on the second floor. Mr. Walker called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.. Immediately following the opening Dr. Evelyn Webb reported on the Mississippi Gulf Coast/Higher Education Initiative. She distributed the mission of the Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College/State Board for Community & Junior Colleges subcommittee studying the issue of higher education of the Mississippi Gulf Coast. The Board was asked to note statements about the availability of academic program offerings and statements about MGCCC and partnerships. She also explained the mission of the study. Dr. Webb distributed and explained a list of possible model partnerships. The criteria included information to be gathered from model sites during initial inquiry. Dr. Webb distributed and explained some misinformation relating to the initiative. Dr. Ray distributed and explained the Mississippi Gulf Coast/Higher Education Initiative recommendations and action plan along with notifying the Board that their approval for USM to teach certain classes would be needed and requested to make the plan work.

Dr. Ray stated that IHL and SBCJC support the Gulf Coast Study. Dr. Ray explained the specific recommendations for immediate action. Billy Hewes said that the 2 + 2 initiative is working and suggested the first part is fine, but the second part might be a problem. Dr. Ray suggested that the major concern should be to assure that community college and university programs operate in the best way to help students. We should look at core courses. Dr. Stonecypher added that the state articulation guide was available. Mrs. Heidel said it sounded like a very feasible proposal. Mr. Walker asked the Board how they felt about the recommendations. Mrs. Terry thought that this would aide the students. After further discussion Dr. Ray suggested that the Board endorse this policy. Mr. Walker asked that Dr. Webb and Dr. Ray be prepared to discuss this issue at the regular board meeting tomorrow.

Dr. Ray explained the specific recommendations for future implementation. Mr. Hewes suggested adding USM to the list of participants.

Mr. Junkin moved and Mr. Hudspeth seconded that the Board endorse the presentation made by Dr. Webb and Dr. Ray. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

The next item on the agenda was for the Committee-of-the-Whole to review finance and program issues. SBCJC staff person, Deborah Gilbert presented and discussed the items on the finance agenda. The Board deferred required action on appropriate items to the regular June 19, 1998, meeting. The items covered included the following:

1. General Fund 2298 Disbursements - July 1998
2. Requests for Advancement of FY 1999 Support Funds
3. FY 2000 Budget Requests - Support & Administration
4. Bi-Monthly Capital Improvements Report
5. Approval of SB3254 Bond Projects
6. Health Insurance Disbursement - Fund 2298 - FY 1998
7. Audit Approval of Fixed Asset Accountability Plans for Colleges
8. Purchasing Policy Update
9. Financial Statements - Funds 2291, 3291, and 4300

Dr. Ray discussed Holmes Community College's request for the Grenada site to become a campus. Deborah distributed and explained the funding formula for the site. Dr. Ray reported that the staff had completed its review of materials and all facts presented by Holmes, and because of inadequate FTE students, he will recommend that their request be denied. Dr. Ray also recommended that the Board declare a moratorium for all campuses, and that it stay into effect until the Board looks at this issue in about 18 months.

Mr. Walker then called on Wayne Stonecypher to present and lead the discussion on the programs area.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.